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CALLS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD

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STUDENTS ARRIVING AT SILLIMAN

SILLIMAN INSTITUTE

*A Lighthouse
in the
Philippine Islands*





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SILLIMAN
INSTITUTE
EXTENSION

SILLIMAN INSTITUTE

A Boys' School and College of eight hundred (800) Students.

This lighthouse is in the town of Dumaguete (pronounced Doom-a-gá-ty) on the Island of Negros, Philippine Islands.

HISTORY

Five thousand (5,000) students have passed through its doors.

It is fifteen (15) years old, having been founded by Dr. Horace B. Silliman of Cohoes, N. Y., less than three years after American occupation of the Islands.

Thirteen (13) students were enrolled in 1901.

Seven hundred and eighty-five (785) were in attendance in 1916.

Three hundred (300) were turned away for lack of accommodations.



Types of
Students

WHAT KIND OF BOYS ARE THEY?

Full-blooded Filipinos (Malays)

Chinese-Filipinos

Spanish—Filipinos (Mestizos).

Full-blooded Chinese.

Rich and poor alike, from twenty-eight of the thirty-eight Provinces, mingle in the School life.

The son of Aguinaldo may sit next to the son of the poorest of the ex-Dictator's private soldiers. Democracy and broad fellowship are engendered by thus bringing together the various classes of the people. Boys of different tribes, and of varying customs, are brought into one big family and rub shoulder to shoulder in classes and athletics.

Silliman Institute is the most widely known, and best regarded educational institution in the

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

In 1910 it was recognized and standardized by the Government.

It is authorized to confer the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and to give diplomas for High School and Intermediate School work.

The Bible is taught daily throughout the entire course.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT

Courses covering three years are taught in this Department, supplemented by practical work in the shops.

BOOKKEEPING AND PRINTING

are taught and large amounts of commercial work are turned out by the boys, the profits going to help the Institute.



Interior of the Chapel Assembly Hall. Morning gathering

CHRISTIAN TRAINING

The bed-rock of all the training at Silliman is the Bible, and the main purpose is *character building*.

Chapel service is held every morning and the message of Jesus Christ is carefully and persistently set before the students.

Every effort is made to show the individual boy the importance of accepting Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Christian principles are woven into the life and habits of these students.

EVANGELISTIC FORCE

"Through her students, Silliman Institute is the largest single evangelistic force in the Philippine Islands."

Students go out from her doors to their barrios or towns, even to distant Islands, and in their old home places organize groups of people into Christian enquirers and congregations. Many times our missionaries finding such groups and wondering how they were led, have had the answer, "Oh! don't you know? One of our boys is a Silliman Student and he is teaching us!"

WORK OF THE STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

The boys work as colporteurs during vacation, greatly aiding the work of the missionary.

They hold street meetings in the towns, testifying to the power of Christ and persuading their countrymen to accept a living Saviour. A substantial ingathering has taken place in the great southern Island of Mindanao, largely the result of the work of these boys while at home on vacation.

On the north of the Island of Negros a church of 1100 members has grown out of the efforts of Silliman students blessed by the Spirit of God.

It is not easy to be loyal to Christ in the face of bitter opposition at home and ostracism at the hands of one's friends, which these boys not infrequently experience.



Students of Silliman translating the Old Testament into Cebuano-Visayan

DORMITORY BUILDINGS FOR BOYS

Two Dormitories for boys are urgently needed.

Cost of each, \$15,000.00.....\$30,000.00

Equipment for both..... 2,000.00

Total Boys' Dormitories...\$32,000.00

There are now proper accommodations at the School for only 200 boys, *whereas 470* are now living huddled there.

340 externos (boys living outside) have no proper boarding places in the town, *and are exposed to serious temptation.*

Some boys have built shacks for themselves and are trying to attend school under most difficult circumstances, so anxious are they to get a Silliman education.

610,000 School Children in Government Schools in the Philippines without the Bible or Christian Teaching.

The Presbyterian Church is giving to selected students from this multitude a knowledge of the Bible and Christian teaching, which they as future leaders of their people must have if the Philippine Nation is to be rightly led.

SCIENCE BUILDING

The Faculty have voted that the greatest and most pressing need is a new Science Building to cost.....\$15,000.00
Equipment for Science Build-

ing 2,500.00

\$17,500.00

There is now no place where classes in physics, chemistry, biology, botany and in kindred courses can carry on experiments and have practical classroom drill. These courses are conducted after a fashion, but under entirely unsuitable and inadequate conditions and surroundings.

Such a building will serve other important purposes and will at once give an impetus to all the scientific training of the Institute, of which the students stand in such need.

GIRLS' DEPARTMENT

Three hundred girls from far and near are knocking at Silliman's doors. They have nowhere else to go for a Christian education. A Girls' Department can be easily established.

NEEDED

One Girls' Dormitory to cost.	\$22,500.00
Equipment for Girls' Dormi- tory.....	2,000.00
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	\$24,500.00

OTHER NEEDS

Lighting Plant—for all buildings	\$1,000.00
Additional land to enlarge the Campus	5,000.00
A Chapel Building for the School	5,000.00
Six externo Dormitories (for outside students) @ \$1,000.00	6,000.00
One Cottage.....	2,500.00
A Sewer System.....	1,500.00
Various Other Needs.....	5,000.00

A TOTAL OF \$100,000.00

An appeal has been made to the Filipinos for these funds and they have given or pledged \$25,000.00. It is hoped that their total will reach \$50,000.00.

American Presbyterians are counted on to give the balance, \$50,000.00.

Shall we turn our backs on this eager young life? They look to us as their friends and helpers.

"CALLS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD"

Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
156 Fifth Ave., New York

To assist in the effort to advance and develop the Foreign Mission work of the Presbyterian Church, I agree to give toward the **SILLIMAN INSTITUTE EXTENSION FUND** in addition to my regular gifts for Foreign Missions and the other Boards of the Church the sum of \$

Payable

Signature

Address

Member of..... Church of

Note: Pledges and gifts should be sent direct to Mr. Dwight H. Day, Treas., 156 Fifth Ave., New York City, who will credit such gifts, if desired, to the church indicated.

The Board of Foreign Missions
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